

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Erick Tamay , I am a Resident from Middletown

I stand in support of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. Expanding access to HUSKY up to age 18 regardless of immigration status is an important step in ensuring our immigrant community has access to the healthcare we need. But our work doesn't end with expanding access up to age 18; we need to open access to HUSKY and healthcare to all immigrants of any age, including parents and adults.

I am Erick Tamay, and I care about this issue as my partner is currently uninsured and know people around me I love are in the same situation.

Whenever my partner got extremely ill and had to seek monetary help from others to be able to afford a Doctor's visit. I've also seen my parents struggle by being very careful to not get severely sick because a visit to the doctor or hospital Bill could mean debt.

It would increase their chances of a healthier life, it would help relieve the Trauma of not getting sick.

I support S.B. 284 and I ask the committee to support and pass this legislation. Looking forward, I ask the committee to work towards opening access to all immigrants regardless of age.

Thank you for your time,

Erick Tamay